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*Rep. Ike Skelton*

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Honorable Ike Skelton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Skelton:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation, and the gratitude of all Central Intelligence Agency officers who serve abroad, for your cosponsorship of H.R. 5666, a Bill to provide a death gratuity payment to survivors of CIA personnel killed overseas.

As you know, the mission of the men and women of the Central Intelligence Agency is unique and sometimes dangerous. It is essential that our intelligence officers undertaking assignments overseas know that the Congress of the United States stands behind them in their efforts and is concerned about the welfare of their families should tragedy strike. Your strong interest in this and other issues related to the enhancement of our nation's intelligence capability has been heartening to us.

In this regard, and in light of your cosponsorship of H.R. 3762, a Bill to provide criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of information identifying certain individuals engaged or assisting in foreign intelligence activities, I would like to bring to your attention H.R. 5615, the "Intelligence Identities Protection Act" just introduced by the entire membership of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Bill is an impressive demonstration of the Committee's determination to come to grips with this crucial issue.

Admiral Turner and I look forward to working with you as we move forward on these and other legislative initiatives.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frank C. Carlucci

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